

Remarks

Claim 23 is canceled herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-22 will be pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for notice that claims 1-22 are allowed.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claim 23 has been canceled herein. Accordingly, the rejection of this claim under 35 USC § 102 is moot and Applicant requests that it be withdrawn.

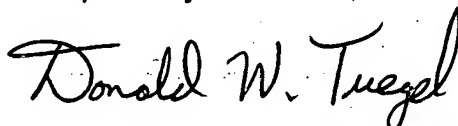
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant requests consideration of two prior art references cited in a corresponding foreign application. The references were filed in the USPTO in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, mailed November 22, 2004. A copy of that Form PTO/SB/08A is attached hereto. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return the Supplemental IDS form indicating consideration of those references.

Conclusion

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested for claims 1-22.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald W. Tuegel, Reg. No. 45,424
SENNIGER POWERS
One Metropolitan Square, 16th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 231-5400

DWT/cak
Express Mail Receipt No. EV 544921196 US